

Claims:

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1. (Previously amended) A method for applying walkway pads to roofing membranes, the method comprising:

affixing a solids tape to one flat surface of a walkway pad, where the tape carries a protective layer of release paper, and where said step of affixing occurs at the location where the pad is manufactured;
removing said release paper from said tape immediately prior to use;
subsequently placing the exposed surface of said tape directly onto the upper surface of the roofing membrane; and,
applying force directly to said walkway pad to enhance the bond between said pad and the membrane created by said tape.

2. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

3. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber, butyl rubber or blends thereof.

4. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, further including the additional step of preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad will be applied prior to said step of removing.

7. (Previously amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said step of preparing includes the step of priming the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad will be applied prior to said step of removing.

8. (Previously amended) A method for applying a walkway pad to a roofing membrane, said method comprising:

providing a walkway pad to a rooftop, where the walkway pad includes a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the walkway pad; and

applying the walkway pad to a roofing membrane, which is located on the rooftop, by placing an exposed surface of the solids tape directly onto the upper surface of the roofing membrane.

9. (Previously added) The method of claim 8, where said tape is applied proximal to opposed edges of the flat surface of the walkway pad.

10. (Previously added) The method of claim 8, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

11. (Previously added) The method of claim 8, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber, butyl rubber or blends thereof.

12. (Previously added) The method of claim 8, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

13. (Previously added) The method of claim 8, further including the additional step of preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad will be applied prior to said step of removing.

14. (Previously amended) The method of claim 8, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufactured.

15. (Previously amended) The method of claim 14, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

16. (Previously added) A method for providing walkway pads to service personnel who will apply the pads to a roofing membrane, said method comprising:

preparing a self-adhering walkway pad by affixing a solids tape to a flat surface of a walkway pad, where said solids tape carries a protective layer of release paper; bundling a plurality of self-adhering walkway pads for delivery; and, delivering the plurality of self-adhering walkway pads to service personnel for application of the walkway pads to a roofing membrane.

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17. (Previously added) The method of claim 16, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

18. (Previously added) The method of claim 16, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber, butyl rubber or blends thereof.

19. (Previously added) The method of claim 16, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

20. (Previously added) The method of claim 16, where said tape is affixed proximal to opposed edges of said flat surface of the walkway pad.

21. (Previously added) The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufactured.

22. (Previously added) The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

23. (Previously added) The method of claim 16, where the tape is a 100% solids tape.

24. (Previously added) The method of claim 8, where the tape carries a protective layer of release paper; and further comprising the step of removing the release paper from the tape.

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25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously amended) A method of making a walkway pad, said method comprising the steps of:

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constructing a walkway pad within a factory;
applying a solids tape to a substantially planar surface of the walkway pad; and
applying a release paper directly to said solids tape, where said steps of applying a solids tape and applying a release paper occur while the walkway pad remains within the same factory that the walkway pad was constructed.

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29. (Newly added) The method of claim 8, where the walkway pad has a thickness of about 0.25 to about 0.5 inches.

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31. (Newly added) The method of claim 8, where the upper surface of the walkway pad is textured.

32. (Newly added) The method of claim 1, where the walkway pad is rubber-based.

33. (Newly added) The method of claim 1, where the roofing membrane is rubber-based.